

Bay; and I have been informed by J. E. Gray, Esq., that the original bird described by Dr. Shaw was brought from the same locality. As far as I am able to ascertain, all the specimens of *Apteryx Mantelli* are from the North Island.

5. NOTE UPON BUCEROS GINGINIANUS. BY LIEUT. HARDY, IN A LETTER TO COLONEL SYKES, F.R.S., F.Z.S. ETC. COMMUNICATED BY COLONEL SYKES.

MY DEAR COLONEL,—I was out shooting one day beyond Palunpore, when a dull slate-coloured bird, about the size and figure of a magpie, flew past me; my beaters roared out to me to fire at it, but I let it go by. They made however such a fuss about it, and had marked it down on a tree, that I went after it and to their great delight shot it. They then told me that it was very valuable to them; that they would chop up the flesh, pickle and preserve it in a bottle, and sell it as a medicine to alleviate the pangs of childbirth, for which it was highly prized. In the course of the day two sepoy came to my tent and begged to have the bird, as they had been sent out by the Mewab expressly to shoot one, but had been out two days without success. They call it "Seerötra." None of my brother officers had ever seen or heard of it before. I kept the beak, and the other day turned it out with some other little trophies, and had it put together; if you will keep it as a little sporting tribute to my father's friend, I shall be very proud.

Sincerely yours,

EDMUND HARDY.

6. NOTE UPON TURDUS VULPINUS, HARTL. BY DR. HARTLAUB.
(Aves, Pl. XXXII.)

In presenting the accompanying figure of my *Turdus vulpinus*, from Caraccas, I have little to add to the description of it in the *Revue et Magasin de Zoologie*, 1849, p. 276. The only specimen I ever saw of this bird is in the Hamburg Museum. It is certainly a very aberrant species of *Turdus* and its American divisions, and would consequently justify a subgeneric separation, which however I leave to another.

7. ON NEW AUSTRALIAN BIRDS IN THE COLLECTION OF THE ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON. BY JOHN GOULD, F.R.S. ETC.

(Aves, Pl. XXXIII. XXXIV.)

The first three species which I am about to describe in the present communication formed part of a collection presented to the Zoological Society of London by the late Captain Owen Stanley, R.N., whose



Wolff, lith

M & N Hanhart, Imp.

TURDUS VULPINUS, Hartlaub



Wolf, lith

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